

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

1. Mayor David Keene called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Byron Vinton, David Kee, David Keene, Jeffrey Robinson.  
Members Absent: Michael Ormsby, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of previous meeting

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of June 9, 2011.

4. Receive correspondence or documents, if any
  - a. proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance regarding mineral extraction regulations  
-Town Manager distributed copies of the proposed mineral extraction standard ordinance to council members for review. The Planning Board approved these proposed changes at their meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Will review this item under discussion items.
5. Hold public hearing to discuss application being submitted to the State for the communities for Maine's Future Bond Program

Town Manager briefly reviewed the town's application for state grant funding to continue improvements to the downtown area. The proposed project for the downtown area totaling \$576,050, which would be funded through town, private, and state grant funds. The grant request from Maine Futures Bond Program is \$259,400. The town's share is \$252,518 of which the bulk of the town's contributions will come from the town's TIF revenues and Surplus Account. The grant will help fund a downtown façade program, particularly for buildings of historic importance. Among the buildings targeted for improvement are MacLeod's Restaurant, The Alamo Theater, Bucksport Historical Society, Verona Grange and The Buck Memorial Library. Other projects include streetscape improvements; connectors between Main Street and the waterfront walkway and development of a waterfront facility that will help attract more tourists to the Downtown and Waterfront areas.

Lisa Whitney, Member of the Economic Development Committee urged the councilors to support the grant application. The town has worked very hard to get the most bangs for its buck when seeking grant funding and these funds would help implement projects that have been identified in the Downtown Plan.

Cathy Hamburger, member of the Economic Development Committee also spoke in support of the application. She noted the proposed projects would help support small businesses, would give a refreshing appearance to the town, and hopefully entice motorists to the downtown area.

6. Close hearing and act on Resolve #R-2011-153 authorizing application and local match for Maine's Future Bond Program funding

It was motioned by Jeffrey Robinson, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-153.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2011-152 authorizing expenditure from the Waterfront Reserve Account

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-152.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2011-154 expenditure from the Sewer Reserve Account

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-154.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2011-155 authorizing expenditure from the Swimming Reserve Account

It was motioned by Jeffrey Robinson, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-155.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2011-156 authorizing expenditure from the Fire Equipment Reserve Account

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-156.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2011-157 authorizing expenditure from the Animal Shelter Reserve Account

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-157.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2011-158 authorizing account balances to be carried forward

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Jeffrey Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-158.

13. Consider Resolve #R-2011-159 awarding contract for purchase of culverts and pipe

It was motioned by Jeffrey Robinson, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-159.

14. Consider Resolve #R-2011-160 awarding contract for equipment rental

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Jeffrey Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-160.

15. Issue licenses or permits, if any

American Cruise Lines, Inc. requesting Town Council permission to sell and dispense alcoholic beverages aboard the following vessels: American Eagle, American Glory, American Spirit, American Star and Independence.

Town Council members granted permission to Mayor David Keene to sign letter addressing the State of Maine giving Town approval to grant American Cruise Lines, Inc. a liquor license to serve alcohol beverages while docked within the Town.

16. Issue quit claim deeds for paid tax liens

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to issue quit-claim deed for paid tax liens to Toby Lawrence.

17. Hear report from Town Manager regarding the following:

- a. Wilson Hall

-Town Manager received email from attorney noting she is waiting to receive one last release of mortgage; than will proceed to obtain summary judgment form the court.

- b. Church Road Improvements

-Town Manager has the final plans for the Church Road improvements; will schedule a meeting with the property owners to review plans. It will be difficult to meet the time schedule for these improvements since the utilities poles need to be realigned.

- c. Website Development

-Town Manager shared a copy of the front page of the new town website, and noted the new site will offer more opportunity. The goal is to have the new website up and running by the end of August. A committee of five town management personnel worked very hard on this website.

- d. Transfer Station Improvements
  - Town Manager reported work has begun on installing four new pads in the area where the trailers are located.
  - The new well for the animal shelter has been dug and getting 5-6 gallons per minute; the concrete floor has been overlaid with a new surface; and the building has been tied to the existing leach field.
- e. Nason Property
  - Closing date on Nason property is July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- f. State Route 46
  - Town Manager has scheduled a meeting on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> with representatives from the State to discuss State Route 46 improvements.
  - Streets and Roads Committee met and identified a plan for improvements on State Route 46 and will bring back recommendations to the council.

18. Discussion items

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to suspend the rules to take up an item not on the agenda.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to refer proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance for mineral extraction to the Ordinance Committee.

Ordinance Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

Mark Pierce of Paper Talk Magazine spoke with the Council requesting the town to reconsider supporting the Paper Talk Magazine by placing an Ad in the Magazine.

Byron Vinton inquired about Aaron Gleich.

Town Manager indicated that he has received several telephone calls and emails from a representative of Aaron Gleich indicating that Aaron Gleich would like to redeem the Wilson Hall property. Town Manager noted, should the Council choose to allow Mr. Gleich the opportunity to redeem Wilson Hall, he should be required to pay all back taxes and all other expenses associated with the property.

Byron Vinton asked if the council should allow Mr. Gleich the opportunity to redeem the property; and can the town council ask Mr. Gleich to provide a guarantee that all work to make the building safe will be done.

Town Manager indicated such could be required but should be done under guidance of legal counsel.

19. Adjournment

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes  
Council Secretary